

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 554
By Fitzhugh

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of C. N. Armour,
Lauderdale County businessman.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of C. N. Armour; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Armour was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to his profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, one of the leading area businessmen, he owned and operated C. N. Armour Construction Company from 1932-1982, a highly regarded company which became a model for the industry; and

WHEREAS, a founder and charter member of the Lauderdale County Bank Board of Directors, he served admirably as chairman of the board until his death; and

WHEREAS, he also accumulated and expertly managed 22,000 acres of land in thirteen West Tennessee counties; and

WHEREAS, C. N. Armour made many significant contributions to his community, serving in the important post of Lauderdale County Commissioner for 16 productive years, helping the county grow and prosper. Highly admired and respected for his work, he received the Industrial Appreciation Award in 1989 and the Certificate of Achievement in 1994; and

WHEREAS, a former Deacon at Grace Baptist Church in Central, Tennessee, Mr. Armour was an active and devout member of the Halls First Baptist Church, and WHEREAS, he was a lifetime member of the Halls FFA Alumni Chapter; and

WHEREAS, a scholarship to the University of Tennessee-Martin has been given in his honor every year since 1979; and

WHEREAS, Highway 88 from the Crockett County line to the Mississippi River in Lauderdale County was named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ray Blanton named Mr. Armour a Tennessee "Colonel"; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee House of Representatives specially recognized this venerable gentleman on his one hundredth birthday April 21, 1994; and

WHEREAS, the legacy he leaves behind will be long remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Armour enjoyed the loving companionship of Mattie Webb, who he married in 1917; was the proud parent of Gladys Armour Crain, grandfather of Rebecca Carson McWilliams, great-grandfather of Barry Armour McWilliams, Monty Carson McWilliams and Ricky Joseph McWilliams and great-great-grandfather of Robert Blake McWilliams; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of C. N. Armour, remembering with admiration his strong character and many selfless contributions to the Lauderdale County community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of C. N. Armour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.